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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Introduction

The present application was filed January 17, 2001, with 9 claims (1-4 in the application and 5-9 by preliminary amendment). In paper number 3, dated 09/16/2002, the claims were subjected to a three-way election of species requirement as follows:

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(1)—a species wherein a row of rectangular cube corner elements is formed on a working surface of each of the laminae (claims 1-4);

(2)—a species wherein at least one microcube of an array of microcubes is rectangular and being canted face-more-parallel (claims 5-6 and 8-9); and

(3)— a species wherein at least one microcube of an array of microcubes is rectangular and has at least one pentagonal face (claim 7).

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